GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PESTICIDES RESIDUE IN BOTTLED DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has seriously taken the matter of presence of pesticides residue in bottled drinking water of various brands;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Bureau of Indian Standards proposes to change the standard of investigation in this regard; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) The Bureau of Indian Standards has informed that so far, presence of pesticides in packaged drinking water and packaged natural mineral water of various brands has not been observed during testing of ISI Marked packaged drinking water and packaged natural mineral water.

(c) & (d) There is no proposal in the Drinks and Carbonated Beverages Sectional Committee, Food and Agriculture Division 14 of Bureau of Indian Standards to change the norms of testing pesticide residues in bottled water.